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PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner: C. Saoud

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This RESPONSE is in reply to the Office action mailed September 9, 2002.

The Examiner issued a restriction requirement, dividing the pending claims into 2 groups:

Group I: claims 1-12 drawn to a method of treating hypertension by administration of growth hormone.

Group II: claims 13-19, drawn to use of growth hormone for making a medicament (i.e., interpreted as encompassing pharmaceutical compositions of growth hormone and methods of making).

Amendment

In the Claims:

Please withdraw claims 13-19. All currently pending claims are included herein.

1. A method of treating hypertension in a mammal, which has experienced intrauterine under nutrition and/or growth retardation or an adverse post natal environment, the method comprising